

Name and first name:

Satyabhooshun Gupt Domah

Date and place of birth:

30 september 1946 – Mauritius

Working languages:

English and French

Professional background :

Legal and judicial

Current position/function:

1. Judge of Appeal, Seychelles Court of Appeal. 2. Legal Consultant International Law Chambers (Stevens Associates). 3. Lecturer in Constitutional Law. 4. Public lecturer in Human Rights Advocacy. 5. Chairperson of Mauritius Ethics Committee. 6. Chairperson of Financial Reporting Council (Mauritius). 7. Author of professional law books for law practitioners and students.

Educational background:

Doctorate in law (Comparative English, French and Mauritian civil law (Aix-Marseille University, France); Masters in Law in Public International Law (University College London); Bar Examination (Council of Legal Education) London as Member of Middle Temple; Fellow of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London.

Main professional activities:

I started as a Magistrate involved in hearing cases of police abuse and worked my way as a Master who is the Accounting Officer for the Judiciary as a whole before being elevated to the post of Supreme Court Judge deciding on the rights of citizens under the rule of law. When I was not on the Bench, I was at the Bar from private practice or in public office: i.e. at the Attorney-General's Office. I also occupied in course of my career positions of Ag Director of Public Prosecutions, Ag Solicitor General, Parliamentary Counsel etc. At the Attorney-General's Office, I was responsible for International Law dealing with Mauritian obligations under the various bilateral and international treaties, including its obligations under the United Nations system: i.e. preparing country reports for treaty bodies and ensuring compliance with recommendations; accompanying and briefing Ministers of Justice and Attorneys-General for national, regional and international conferences etc.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:

I have participated in or to deliver lectures, key-note addresses or to run legal, judicial or related workshops in the national, regional and international fora: inter alia, Africa, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Cayman Islands, China, France, India, Italy, Japan, La Reunion, Malaysia, Nepal, Thailand, Seychelles, Singapore, United Kingdom, United States. These have been at the invitation of, or sponsored by, national or international organizations and/or universities such as: African Union, British Council, COMESA, SADC, UN, Commonwealth Secretariat, CMJA, CJEI, European Community, USIS, Chinese and Japanese Universities, International Association for the Prevention of Torture, A3 Initiative for the Prevention of Torture in Africa etc.

List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture:

A number of country reports as the Rapporteur under UNCAT as a recent member of the United Nations Committee Against Torture (2011 to 2015) with regard to their obligations under the Convention. I have also produced session Reports for the UNCAT sessions on interim measures. Additionally, I have been the Rapporteur of the activities of UNCAT to the UN General Assembly for two years. I have been a writer of fiction for BBC (World Service) on rights-based issues of emergent nations. I have delivered a number of judgments upholding the human rights of citizens and lectured on the development of a human rights jurisprudence in the courts.